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Weekly wrap-up

Governor takes additional steps to help with property tax issues

Aug. 24, 2007- Governor Mitch Daniels announced two additional steps to address the state's property tax problems. At the request of counties, the governor will further extend the deadline for counties to provide dollar-for-dollar property tax relief by adopting a local option income tax. He also said the Department of Local Government Finance and Indiana Board of Tax Review will issue a joint memo to all assessors in the state that says they cannot require taxpayers to provide an appraisal to appeal a property assessment.

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Aug. 10, 2007— Governor Daniels celebrates the opening of the Louis Dreyfus plant with Roger Hadley and Jerry Renbarger of the Indiana Soybean Alliance.

Biodiesel plant opens in Claypool

Aug. 21, 2007— Governor Daniels joined elected officials and executives from Louis Dreyfus Commodities for the grand opening of the world's largest soybean-based biodiesel production plant in Claypool. The new facility is capable of producing 88 million gallons of soy biodiesel each year and will create 70 jobs for the area.

"We said our ag sector would be a big part of our economic comeback, and here's the proof," said Daniels.

With this facility and the development of two other biodiesel and six ethanol plants, Indiana is becoming a leading producer in the biofuels industry.

Publisher to create more than 100 jobs in Kendallville

Aug. 20, 2007- Governor Mitch Daniels joined executives from Courier Corporation to announce the book publisher and printer's plans to grow its Indiana operations in Kendallville, creating more than 100 new jobs.

The company will begin the first phase of its multi-million dollar, five-year project with a \$10-million, 200,000-square-foot expansion of its facility that will expand its four-color book printing capabilities in Noble County.

"We're excited to bring new jobs anywhere in Indiana, but there's a special joy when a great smaller town like Kendallville is involved," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "Indiana's comeback has to include smaller communities, and it is happening. We continue to have a very encouraging pattern of job creation in our small towns, like Columbia City, Warsaw and Huntington."

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Aug. 21, 2007- The governor talks with Hoosiers during a stop at Dig's Diner in Warsaw.

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Major Moves update: U.S. 31

Aug. 21, 2007- Governor Mitch Daniels, State Representative Jackie Walorski and local officials participated in ribbon-cutting ceremonies to mark the completion of two intersection improvements along U.S. 31 at State Road 4 and at New Road in St. Joseph County.

"I visit Lakeville quite often and there is increasingly more traffic on this highway and the side streets," Daniels said. "This area is booming and completing these intersection projects will improve motorists' safety."

The intersection improvements, which included adding turn lanes, upgrading traffic signals and beacons, and improving drainage, were made possible by the governor's Major Moves program. They are the first of many projects planned for U.S. 31 in Marshall and St. Joseph counties.



Aug. 21, 2007- Governor Daniels joined State Representative Jackie Walorski and local officials for ribbon-cutting ceremonies in Lakeville.



Aug. 23, 2007- Governor Daniels visited Ms. Gena Licata's fourth grade class at Francis W. Parker Montessori School in Indianapolis.

E-Learning company to expand its Indianapolis headquarters

Aug. 22, 2007- Local officials and executives from Indianapolis-based ANGEL Learning, Inc. announced the company's plans to expand its headquarters in Indianapolis, a move that will more than double the company's workforce by 2012.

ANGEL Learning, a leading international developer and marketer of online learning systems, will add more than 120 programmers, analysts and marketers to its 80-person workforce, as well as relocate its headquarters to new offices in Indianapolis' INTECH Park.

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Governor tours Toll Brothers manufacturing plant

Aug. 21, 2007- Governor Daniels traveled to Starke County to meet with executives from Toll Brothers and tour the company's manufacturing center.

Last year, the luxury home builder opened a 90,000-square-foot warehouse and production facility in Knoxville, resulting in a \$10 million investment for the state. The company currently employs 80 people in the Knoxville facility and plans to add more workers to build trusses, walls and other components for Toll Brothers' home communities in Michigan, Illinois and Minnesota.

Manufacturer to establish first U.S. operation in Clark County

Aug. 20, 2007- Becker Acroma, an international manufacturer of wood stains and paint products, announced it will establish its first U.S. manufacturing and development center in Jeffersonville, creating more than 35 new jobs.

The Sweden-based company will invest more than \$5 million to locate its new 22,500 square-foot facility in Jeffersonville's Bridgeport Industrial Park that will house its laboratory, manufacturing, warehousing operations.

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A look ahead...

Governor Daniels will travel to Evansville, Vincennes and Linton this week.